

Pulaski County Project Development Board
Meeting Minutes for
October 9, 2006

Judge BeShears called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a quorum present.

Members present: Judge BeShears, Judge Burdette, John Prather, Jr., Garlan Vanhook, Melinda Wheeler, Vince Gabbert, Hugh Bennett, Beverly Hargis

Guest attending: See attached sign-in sheet.

Judge introduced all members, and then gave a presentation of the land acquisition with an overall budget of \$1.5 Million to spend.

Motion by Melinda Wheeler, Seconded by John Prather, Jr. to approve minutes as submitted. Motion Unanimous.

Judy Burdine with the Public Library gave a presentation of the New Library with approximately 50,000 square feet and at least 166 parking spaces.

Bruce Simpson, attorney from Lexington, representing property owners in the area of W. Mt. Vernon & Church St. properties, proposing opposition representing one-third of audience as a proposed site with a certified letter about the 15th of September to committee. Endeavored to understand ramifications and jurisdictions due to impact of this site. This is not in the best interest of community.

Motion by John Prather, Jr. and seconded by Melinda Wheeler to remove Church Street and W.Mt. Vernon Street from consideration of land acquisitions. Judge BeShears voted no. Rest of Board voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion to reconsider by Judge Burdette, seconded by John Prather, Jr. Motion Unanimous.

Motion by John Prather, Jr., Seconded by Melinda Wheeler to remove from consideration all residential property to the West of Church Street and that the remainder only ~~to~~ owners consent such property as adjunct and they willing to consider East of Church Street unless needed to buy for parking. Motion Unanimous.

Jeremy Fischer representing Goldenberg Furniture still interested in selling property.

Former Judge Dan Venters speaking for residential residents and as one who works and lives downtown has vital interest in project, wants to thank everyone involved. He would like for the project to stay downtown. It would enhance and promote downtown.

Jeff Siler asked question has the committee considered multi-level building? Per Garlan Vanhook, the budget does not have ample for parking, structure and etc.

Garlan Vanhook apologized for the content of letters received by residents and the way in which they were presented by Somerset Downtown Development Board. From now on Garlan Vanhook will oversee all letters sent before being sent.

Ralph Troxtell here at 6:06 pm.

Mr. Cundiff suggests picking the site that benefits the community the most.

Residents beside the Wells building goes on record opposing.

Charlie Bob Bowen willing to sell rather than condemnation.

Gib Gosser with Downtown Somerset Development willing to sell.

Chris Coldiron surprised John Prather, Jr. would make motion due to his position with First & Farmers. Will sell if it comes to the judicial center moving out of downtown.

John Prather, Jr. stated very hard for bank to move their building. Yes he is on the board of First & Farmers however, the purpose and reason for his motion is for the interests of the homeowners. He has clients and has been involved in almost all aspects of this situation. It would be very hard for him to have not been effected in one way or another. Also, stated he would vote if it came to that decision. He had disclosed to the board of his position with First and Farmers.

Corey Craig with Bank of Mt. Vernon looks forward to opportunity to be in downtown Somerset. They still wish not to sell.

Joe Mopie asks can it go to Goldenberg and Cundiff sites?

Ann Reilly asks can you change the design and make it fit the site regardless with out taking personal property?

Melinda Wheeler answers it is very costly.

Hugh Bennett with Bennett-Rosser Architects explains the building cannot set in certain areas due to the design schematics.

Garlan Vanhook recommends to continue to explore site choices and talk with architect to use information gained tonite.

Don's Auto Body—Amanda notified the board they are willing to negotiate their property.

Melinda Wheeler made motion, Seconded by John Prather, Jr. to continue to investigate

property within the city limits. Revisit previous proposals and/or the expansion of those properties previously omitted. Motion Unanimous.

Motion by Melinda Wheeler, Seconded by John Prather, Jr to expend dollars for architect to revisit sites and Garlan Vanhook to intercede with the architect to study each site proposed and determine what would be necessary with difficulties. Motion Unanimous.

Motion by Melinda Wheeler to cancel meeting in two weeks and re-establish in one month. Judge Burdette would like to keep meeting date as is for information purposes and to get a report from Mr. Bennett on the progress he has made on above properties. Melinda Wheeler rescinded motion.

Jeremy & Steve Fischer will get properties and proposals if interested in selling. Will have ready in two weeks.

Motion by Melinda Wheeler, Seconded by John Prather, Jr. to adjourn . Motion Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Per Vince Gabbert Money is now in the bank at 3.85%.